

# Body recovered in apparent drowning in Taunton

Taunton Police and Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the district attorney's office are investigating an apparent drowning, which occurred late yesterday morning in Taunton.

Taunton Police responded to an area commonly known as the "Clay Ponds" behind the Taunton Public Works Building at 90 Ingell Street around 11:30 a.m today for a report of a man in the water. The 911 call was placed by the victim's friend, who had gone fishing at the grouping of ponds with the victim.

When police and first responders arrived on scene, they located the surviving friend in the water holding the victim's head above the waterline. The group of first responders and the victim's friend were able to hoist the victim back onto shore, where he was given CPR before being rushed to Morton Hospital.

The victim, Luke Walker, 75, of Dorchester, was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the deceased may have slipped into the water down a slippery, muddy embankment and become trapped while his waders and heavy clothing filled with water.

The investigation remains ongoing and the medical examiner's office will conduct an autopsy to confirm cause and manner of death.